August 18, 2011

MEMORANDUM

To:

The Commission

Through:

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Staff Director

From:

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Subject:

Audit Division Recommendation Memorandum on the Democratic Party of

Orange County (A09-12)

Pursuant to Commission Directive No. 70 (FEC Directive on Processing Audit Reports), the Audit staff's recommendations are presented below and the findings are discussed in the attached Draft Final Audit Report. The Office of General Counsel has reviewed this memorandum and concurs with the recommendations.

Finding 1. Misstatement of Financial Activity

The Audit staff recommends that the Commission find that Democratic Party of Orange County misstated their financial activity for calendar years 2007 and 2008.

Finding 2. Untimely Deposit of Receipts

The Audit staff recommends that the Commission find that Democratic Party of Orange County failed to deposit timely, contributions from individuals.

The Committee did not request an audit hearing.

If this memorandum is approved, a Proposed Final Audit Report will be prepared within 30 days of the Commission's vote.

Should an objection be received, Directive No. 70 states that the Audit Division Recommendation Memorandum will be placed on the next regularly scheduled open session agenda.

Documents related to this audit report can be viewed in the Voting Ballot Matters folder. Should you have any questions, please contact Marty Kuest or Alex Boniewicz at 694-1200.

Attachment:

- Draft Final Audit Report on the Democratic Party of Orange County

cc: Office of General Counsel